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Dr. James W. Silver  
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Dear Mr. Silver,

I thought it only just to write you to say thanks for the Faulkner talk. I know it wasn't easy to do--trying to explain that rather nebulous thing, "what is a man like?" However I think you came as close in an hour as one could. Certainly you gave me a new insight into the man that changes my approach (which has been at times pretty unsympathetic) to him in many ways.

I know, too, that you awakened a new interest in his work for a number of my students, for they talked to me about him afterwards. They were only sorry--as you and I were--that you couldn't talk longer.

I suspect that Oxford will not be the same for you now, and I'm sorry. Faulkner was a great writer, perhaps the greatest in this century; I envy your having known him.

Again, thanks for coming to talk. It was good of you to take the time during that last hectic week.

Sincerely,

*Philip Ford*